Assam Government dues to Power Grid Corporation of India

4325. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item published in the North East Times of 10th January, 2001 under the heading "ASSAM LARGEST DEFAULTER" Parliamentary Committee told; and

(b) if so, the reaction thereto and the steps being taken to recover the arrears from the Assam Government due to Power Grid Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Assam Government/ASEB have outstanding dues of around Rs. 1087.19 crores payable to Central Sector Power Corporations as on 31st January, 2001 out of which Rs. 692.86 crores is payable to NEEPCO, Rs. 190.10 crores to POWER GRID and Rs. 150.41 crores to REC.

POWER GRID has been following up the matter with the Government of Assam and ASEB for liquidation of the outstanding dues. The Central Government has approved a scheme of securitisation of dues which, on implementation, will go a long way in liquidating the outstanding dues of Central Sector Power Corporation to a large extent.

Percentage of electricity generated

4326. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that electricity is also generated through the projects under State Electricity Boards in addition to the electricity generated through the Undertakings of the Central Government in the country;

(b) if so, what percentage of electricity is generated by the

Undertakings of the Central Government out of the total electricity generated in the country; and

(c) the percentage of electricity generated through the projects of State Electricity Boards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The percentage of electricity generated by Central Sector, State Sector and Private Sector during 2000-01 is given below:

Sector	Electricity Generation (Million Units)	% of Total
Central Sector	196838	39.4
State Sector	264581	53.0
Private Sector	38031	7.6
TOTAL	499450	100.0

Rural Electrification

4327. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rural electrification in the country is in slow gear;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, State-wise;

(c) how many villages in the country were provided with electricity in the last five years, State-wise;

(d) what measures are being taken for 100 per cent rural electrification in the country; and

(e) by when all the villages in the country will have electricity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) 507603 villages have been reported to be electrified by the end of February, 2001 as